

Commission Meeting  
July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Chairman Paul Hodge called the regular meeting of the Greenwood County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were Ben Fox, Roy Ballard, Robert Joe Morgan, Chuck Spradlin, Kathy Robison County Clerk and County Counselor Paul Dean.

The commissioners led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve July 22, 2020 Special meeting Minutes. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Darrel Chrisman reported that a semi- load of posts for the signage project had been unloaded; noting that the start date was pushed back to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Chrisman stated he has plans to focus on Shell Rock Bridge while the weather was conducive enough to do so. Darrel provided commissioners with a list of projects that Road and Bridge intends to start on, including the projects in Reece and Fall River. County Counselor Paul Dean informed Chrisman that the bridge located on Road 370, had washed out again. Chrisman made note of the washout. Commissioner Morgan inquired on whether Chrisman had found a dozer. Chrisman responded that he had received an email from the insurance company and had plans to follow up with a phone call for more understanding of the issue.

County Clerk Kathy Robison presented commissioners with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners moved to hire Jill Gillette to serve as a second Assistant County Attorney for the two week time period leading up to County Attorney Joe Lee's departure.

Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve payables in the amount of \$217,465.69. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$113,630.64. Commissioner Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff Heath Samuels presented commissioners with an amended budget. Samuels informed commissioners that the previous budget proposal was drafted prior to receiving accurate insurance figures. Samuels presented two bids for the purchase of 15 laptops; one for \$58,000 and the other for \$55,000. He informed commissioners that the price may differ, due to his desire to provide EMS Director Brian Mongeau and Fire Chief Doug Williams with a laptop also. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of laptops for the Sheriff's Office at approximately \$55,000. Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Samuels sought permission from the commissioners to move employee Douglas Stewart from full-time to part-time. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve moving Stewart from full to part-time. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. Samuels then sought permission to move jailer Blake Fisher from \$10.25 per hour to \$12 per hour. Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve moving Fisher from \$10.25 to \$12.00, effective 8/2/20. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ben Fox made a motion to approve the following SPARK reimbursements: Greenwood County Noxious Weed/Emergency Management in the amount of \$2,600 for touchless thermometers; Greenwood County EMS in the amount of \$3,496.50 for disposable gloves; City of Madison in the amount of \$7,226.59 for city hall publications, camera set up and thermometers; Eureka USD 389 in the amount of \$275,102.10 for iPads, computers, touchless water filling stations and an additional \$3,730.97 for thermometers, iPad cases and thermometers; Hamilton USD 390 in the amount of \$4,950.00 for a web based communication system to facilitate communication between staff and parents and an additional \$32,792.24 for touchless water fountains, smart boards, laptops and (under direct pay submissions) teacher development hours totaling \$12,600 (in-service). Commissioner Spradlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Legal Counsel Paul Dean suggested that the Commission rescind the Governor's Executive Order 20-59, which mandated that all students and teachers wear masks. Commissioner Fox made a motion to rescind said Executive Order. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to approve a five minute executive session for employee evaluation. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried. No decisions were made.

Ambulance Director Brian Mongeau told commissioners that an ambulance that recently had repairs done, had broken down again while the crew was responding to a call. Mongeau noted that rather than a temporary solution, he would take steps to receive bids to repair the vehicle. Mongeau then revisited the subject of utilizing SPARK funding for the purchase of power load systems, which will keep the responders away from patients' heads as they are lifted into the ambulance.

Commissioners reviewed Hospital report.

Noxious Weed Director Levi Vinson informed the commission that the new mowing attachment had been hooked up to the tractor and seems to work well. Vinson then noted that the tractor broke down shortly after testing the new attachment and they were currently waiting on parts to repair the issue. Vinson also told commissioners that the Emergency Management truck is still in the shop for repair.

Commissioner Spradlin made a motion to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 9 a.m.

ATTEST: Kathy Robinson  
Kathy Robinson, County Clerk

Paul Hodge  
Paul Hodge, Chairman

Ben Fox  
Ben Fox, Vice Chairman

Chuck Spradlin  
Chuck Spradlin Member

Roy A. Ballard  
Roy Ballard, Member

Robert Joe Morgan  
Robert Joe Morgan, Member